

(e) a plurality of perforations, the perforations being separated by a plurality of bridges of connecting material;

(B) a tear bar, the tear bar comprising:

(a) a first side portion, the first side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the media in close relative proximity to a first bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the media when a longitudinal force is applied to the media, wherein the first side portion comprises a tapered surface, wherein the distance between the surface of the strip of media and the tear bar increases as the tear bar is traversed in the direction from the first side of the strip of media towards the center portion of the strip of media;

(b) a second side portion, the second side portion being adapted to abut the surface of the media in close relative proximity to a second bridge of connecting material and apply resistance on the media when a longitudinal force is applied to the media, wherein no portion of the tear bar between the first and second side portions is closer to the strip of media than the first side portion; and wherein the tear bar remains in a fixed position during separation of the strip of media.

#### REMARKS

In the communication mailed December 31, 2002, the Office indicated that Amendment C, filed on October 16, 2002, was incomplete because the original version of amended claim 22 was incomplete. Applicants hereby correct this typographical error and respectfully request the Office to enter the Amendment.